Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

An interactive speech interface unit includes a ~~of the invention comprises~~ speech recognizer ~~recognition means~~ for recognizing input speech of user utterance and converting the recognized input speech into a character string[[,]]; an input statement analyzer ~~analysis means~~ for analyzing the character string and converting the analyzed character string into semantic representation[[,]]; an interactive controller ~~control means~~ for controlling flow of an interactive status and accessing an application[[,]]; an output statement generator ~~generation means~~ for generating an intermediate language to be ~~outputted~~ output to the user[[,]]; a speech generator ~~generation means~~ for converting the intermediate language into speech and outputting the speech[[,]]; and an application interface [[means]] for accessing the application using the semantic representation ~~outputted~~ output from the interactive controller ~~control means~~, wherein the interactive ~~control means~~ controller puts series of interactive sequences having calling relations together in a plurality of interactive tasks in association with relations and includes an interactive task hierarchical data base for storing the interactive tasks in a hierarchical structure.